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BEFORE THE
2011 DECEMBER 2
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

New Boston, Illinois 61272
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2012-38

Barbara O'Hearn, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the New Boston post office. The Final Determination was posted 9-29-11.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

I believe the Postal Service Final Determination should be reversed because:

1. We were only given 3 days notice before you closed the Post Office. We were told on Wed. the last day was Friday, Friday by 10:00 A.M. the boxes were torn out of the lobby.

2. You have not taken into consideration the fact that New Boston has had an increase of population

by 100 not a decrease. A lot of volume went out that won't now.

3. As most small towns the Post Office was a meeting place and the large bulletin board let the community know what was going on.

4. We have a number of handicapped people who would drive up and the Post Master would take their mail out to them. I'm worried about them falling in bad conditions - That's what small towns do!

5. No Post Office is a large inconvenience especially to our businesses because the mail is picked up at 10:00 AM. If it's not there then it won't go out til next day or a trip to Joy. Time is money!!

6. Our mail carrier has to stand outside in the open in all kinds of weather - rain, sleet, snow high winds and try to keep our mail from blowing away.

7. The city of New Boston is willing to build a new building to house the city hall and the Post Office.

Thank You

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